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1. SOVIET LEADERSHIP ACCEPTED LOCAL DISTRICTS FOR JUNE 16 SUPREME SOVIET ELECTION IN TRADITIONAL OPEN LETTER PUBLISHED MAY 5. MOST LEADERS RETAIN 1970 DISTRICTS BUT SLIGHT CHANGES SUGGEST MILD UPGRADING IN STATUS FOR GROMYKO, KATUSHEV, ROMANOV, AND USTINOV. CHANGES FOR SHELEPIN, DEMICHEV, AND MASHEROV DENOTE SLIGHTLY LOWER STATUS.

2. NOMINATIONS CAMPAIGN NOW COMPLETED. TOTAL OF NOMINATIONS REPORTED ONLY IN PRAVDA CONTINUES ORDERLY STATUS RANKING APPARENT ON FIRST DAY OF NOMINATIONS (REFTEL). BREZHNEV RECEIVED 54 NOMINATIONS; KOSYGIN AND PODGORNYY GOT 22 EACH; KIRILENKO AND SUSLOV GOT 10 EACH; MAZUROV, KULAKOV, AND PELSHE GOT 4 EACH; REMAINING FULL MEMBERS OF POLITBURO GOT 3 EACH; CANDIDATE MEMBERS GOT 2 EACH AS DID THREE CPSU SECRETARIES.

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3. FINER SHADINGS IN LEADERSHIP STANDINGS APPEAR IN TOTAL NOMINATIONS COLLATED FROM ENTIRE CENTRAL AND REPUBLIC PRESS. BREZHNEV LED WITH 116 NOMINATIONS; POLGORNYY GOT 62 AND KOSYGIN 60; SUSLOV GOT 36 AND KIRILENKO 33; KULAKOV GOT 19 AND MAZUROV AND PELSHE GOT 18 EACH; ANDROPOV GOT 15, GRECHKO 14, AND SHELEPIN 13; POLYANSKIY, GROMYKO, PONOMAREV, AND KAPITONOV GOT 12 EACH; KATUSHEV GOT 7; KUNAYEV GOT 5; GRISHIN GOT 4; ROMANOV AND SOLOMENTSEV GOT 3 EACH; MASHEROV AND RASHIDOV WERE LOW MEN WITH 2 EACH.

4. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT OUR PRESS COMBING MISSED SOME NOMINATIONS, BUT PATTERNS ARE CLEAR. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN KULAKOV AND MAZUROV MAY BE RELATED TO THE LEADERSHIP PHOTOGRAPH IN IZVESTIYA WHICH SHOWED KULAKOV AHEAD OF MAZUROV. ALL OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS IN CENTRAL PRESS OF THE LEADERS REVIEWING MAY DAY PARADE SHOWED MAZUROV AHEAD OF KULAKOV IN TRADITIONAL ORDER.

5. GRECHKO AND ANDROPOV RANK HIGH IN THE NATIONAL TABULATION AS DO PONOMAREV AND KAPITONOV, BOTH OF WHOM GOT MORE NOMINATIONS THAN THREE FULL MEMBERS OF THE POLITBURO. GRISHIN IS EXTREMELY LOW IN STATUS, AND KUNAYEV ALSO COLLECTED FEWER NOMINATIONS THAN HIS RANK AS FULL MEMBER WARRANTS.

6. COMPARISON OF 1974 NOMINATION STATISTICS WITH 1970 FIGURES INDICATES BREZHNEV'S INCREASED LEAD OVER HIS PEERS. FINER NUANCES IN LEADERSHIP STANDINGS SHOWN IN NATIONAL TABULATION SHOULD BE GIVEN WEIGHT BY WASHINGTON ANALYSTS SINCE KAPITONOV'S DEPARTMENT ORGANIZES ENTIRE NOMINATIONS CAMPAIGN AND NO ROOM SEEMS LEFT FOR SPONTANEOUS EXPRESSIONS.
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